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SUBJECT: UAE REORGANIZATION AND SHAIKH ZAYID'S TRAVELS

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1. ABU DHABI'S ZAYID ARRIVED IN UK SEPTEMBER 8, AS DID RULER OF QATAR. FCO DESK OFFICER EXPECTS ZAYID TO STAY 1-2 MONTHS. MAY GET MEDICAL CHECKUP WHICH MAY TURN UP MEDICAL PROBLEM WHICH MAY PROVIDE ZAYID DISPENSATION FROM FASTING DURING RAMADAN.

1. FCO OFFICIAL DOWNGRADES PROSPECTS FOR RAPID RESOLUTION OF UAE REORGANIZATION PROBLEMS. POINTS OUT THAT STUDY COMMITTEE UNDER RULER OF SHARJAH WAS ORIGINALLY GIVEN ONE MONTH TO PREPARE PROPOSALS, AND THE MONTH RAN OUT BEFORE ZAYID LEFT UAE, BUT NOTHING WAS DONE. FCO GUESSES EXTENSIVE HORSETRADING INVOLVED WITH PROSPECTS OF ACTUAL REORGANIZATION RECEDING AT LEAST TO END OF THIS YEAR, IF NOT WELL INTO NEXT.

3. SUWAIDI AND HAMDAN BIN RASHID ARE IN ZAYID'S RETINUE HERE. ZAYID WILL BE CALLING ON FONSEC AND LUNCHING WITH PM OVER COURSE NEXT 2-3 WEEKS.

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